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SUBJECT: CCD: CTB: US/ SOVIET CO- CHAIRMEN' S MEETING MARCH 20

REF: STATE 47705; GENEVA 1222

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1. ON MARCH 20, MARTIN (US) CARRIED OUT INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED STATE 47705 AT CO- CHAIRMEN' S MEETING WITH SOV AMB ROSHCHIN. REPEATED EFFORTS TO GET ROSHCHIN TO CLARIFY SOV POSITION ONLY PRODUCED EVASIVE REPLIES. ROSHCHIN SAID: " SOVIETS WOULD NEED TIME TO RESPOND IN PRECISE MANNER. IT WAS BETTER NOT RPT NOT TO CREATE AMBIGUITIES. PERHAPS EARLIER SOV STATEMENTS ON SUBJECT HAD NOT BEEN ALABORATE ENOUGH."

2. ROSHCHIN HAD NO COMMENTS ON US POSITION ON PARTICIPATION IN A CTB. HE DID NOT REACT TO MARTIN' S EXPRESSION OF HOPE THAT SOVS WOULD MAINTAIN POSITION THAT SOV GOVERNMENT HAS MADE NO DETERMINATION THE PARTICIPATION OF ALL NUCLEAR POWERS IS PRE- CONDITION FOR CTB.

3. ONLY ON ONE POINT-- WHAT SOVS MEANT BY USING TERM " INTERMEDIATE STEPS" AT FEB 19 CO- CHAIRMEN' S MEETING (GENEVA 798)-- DID ROSHCHIN MAKE ANY COMMENT. ROSHCHIN SIAD IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO FIND SOLUTIONS TO SOME QUESTIONS WITHOUT THE PARTICIPATION OF ALL FIVE NUCLEAR POWERS. FOLLOWING PAST PRACTICE, SOVS COULD ENVISAGE POSSIBILITY OF NEGOTIATIONS " NOT WITH FIVE, OR THREE, BUT TWO". " OTHERWISE, WHAT IS POINT OF SALT TALKS?", HE ASKED. AT THAT POINT, HE ABRUPTLY CHANGED SUBJECT TO ASK MARTIN FOR HIS IMPRESSION OF SPEECH ON CW ROSHCHIN HAD DELIVERED THAT MORNING (SEPTTEL).

4. COMMENT. WE BELIEVE ROSHCHIN WAS SIMPLY WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS AT MARCH 20 MEETING. HE HAS, OF COURSE, PROMISED MANY DELS AT CCD THAT HE WILL CLARIFY SOV POSITION ON NUCLEAR PARTICIPATION IN A CTB IN A PLENARY STATEMENT, AND WHOLE MATTER IS NOW PRESUMABLY UNDER STUDY IN MOSCOW. ROSHCHIN PRESSED HARD FOR US POSITION, AND MARTIN GAVE HIM IN WRITING TEXT OF SENTENCE QUOTED PARA 2 B OF STATE 47705.

5. WITH RESPECT TO ELLIPTICAL REMARKS CONCERNING POSSIBLE BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS, WE NOTE THAT THIS APPROACH WAS FORESHADOWED IN EQUALLY VAGUE REMARKS MADE SEPARATELY TO USDEL AND UKDEL MEMBERS BY MEMBERS SOV DELEGATION. END COMMENT.

6. SEPTTEL REPORTS OTHER SUBJECTS COVERED AT CO- CHAIRMEN' S
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